Good food, atmosphere featured at Maude's

Maude's Restaurant on Route 460 west of the town of Appomattox is known for its traditionally delicious, southern-style food.

Terry Wright, who took over as manager of the restaurant in January of this year, has continued that tradition of good food and good service, and renovated the building to improve the atmosphere, as well.

"We feature country cooking," says Terry, a 29-year-old graduate of Auburn University.

"We've tried to continue the traditional fare here, and to improve the overall appearance and atmosphere of the restaurant," he adds.

"We've done a lot of renovation in and around the building," Terry adds. "We replaced the ceilings in both dining rooms, put down new carpet, put down new floors in the bathroom, and put up new wall paper and murals in both dining rooms," he says.

Wright notes that almost all of the equipment in the kitchen has been replaced or is in the process of being replaced, and a major portion of the ceiling in both of the kitchens has been replaced.

"We've painted the inside and the outside of the building, and we've repainted the sign and replaced its electrical system. We also worked on the plumbing and repaired some of the damaged sections of the building outside," Terry says.

A native of Annandale who came to Appomattox after living and working in Colorado for several years, Terry did most of the restaurant's renovation work himself. He has an excellent background in engineering and design, having worked as a field engineer for Smith-Gruner while in Colorado. He also was in charge of installing and maintaining the snow-making equipment for Aspen Ski Corporation for a period of time while living in Colorado.

That Terry should wind up in the restaurant business is not unusual. His parents, Henry and Audrey, are well known restaurateurs in the county, and ran the John Mosby Inn restaurant before turning over that business to Terry's brother, Perry.

As Terry did with Maude's Restaurant, Perry made several changes at the John Mosby Inn, such as installing carpet, erecting a fancy awning over the restaurant's entrance, and expanding the restaurant's menu.

Both restaurants offer full catering service.

For the future, Terry plans to further improve both the appearance and the menu at Maude's Restaurant.

"We're going to continue to feature country cooking," Terry notes, "and we're going to continue to try and upgrade the restaurant. We'll eventually landscape the area outside the restaurant, and repair the pavement in the parking areas. There's still a lot we want to do. It's going to be sort of an ongoing project."

Central Fidelity's roots here reach back to 1901

Central Fidelity Bank, located on Moses Street, had its beginning as The Bank of Appomattox, downtown, on Main Street.

The Bank of Appomattox opened for business on April 8, 1901. The original capital was $10,000. The banking facility was housed in a frame building belonging to the late W.A. Moses that was situated in the vicinity of where the J.A. Burke Insurance Company is now located.

In 1906 a new building was built on Main Street, then unpaved, the first brick building to be constructed on that street.

According to pictures and articles in a scrapbook compiled by Mrs. W.W. Burke, (Emily), wife of the late William W. Burke, the last president of the Bank of Appomattox before the merger with Fidelity National Bank in 1964, the Bank was the center of activities back then. Not only did friends meet on the bank steps to visit and catch up on the news before going inside to transact business but political gatherings and such were often held on the bank steps.

Mrs. Burke, who worked for 37 years in the Bank of Appomattox, has pictures showing the bank draped with bunting and a host of citizens gathered for a special occasion.

The bank on Main Street was remodeled in 1952, and ten years later, in 1962, a branch of The Bank of Appomattox was opened at the present location on Moses Street.

It was in 1964 that the Bank of Appomattox merged with Fidelity National Bank. On October 4, 1976 the name was changed to Fidelity American.

In May of 1980, the name of the bank was changed again, this time to Central Fidelity Bank.

On July 31, 1981, the downtown location of Central Fidelity closed its doors for the final time and today all business is transacted from the Moses Street location.

Vice President in charge of Central Fidelity in Appomattox is Marvin J. House, Jr.; Roy Bennett is Assistant Vice President and Loan Officer is Jean LeGrand.

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Poe offers many goods, services

Poe Hardware Company was opened after World War II on south Church street by Mr. Clarence C. Poe. He used money he had saved during the war working double shifts at the Lynchburg Foundry to begin the hardware business.

In the years following the war, the business grew, and by the end of the decade, Mr. Poe had moved to larger quarters on the northern end of Church Street.

In 1951, Jim Beaty, an Alabama native and graduate of Auburn University, came to Appomatox to go into the poultry business with a friend of his father's, Mr. T.M. Trent. Jim's stint in the poultry business was short lived. He moved back to his native state in 1952 but not before he had met and married his wife, Helen, Mr. Poe's daughter.

Jim and Helen returned with their family to Appomattox in 1966, at which time Jim became affiliated with the store. He worked with Mr. Poe throughout the late 1960's and on into the early 1970's, when Mr. Poe retired. At that time, Jim became manager of the business.

Mr. Poe passed away in 1976. Mrs. C. C.(Blanche) Poe, his widow, retains ownership of the business.

Poe Hardware today continues its established tradition of offering sales and service on a wide variety of hardware, tools, and quality appliances.

In addition to appliances, the store has a complete service and repair shop to work on lawnmowers, chain saws, roto-tillers and other small engine equipment.

"We also offer a complete line of interior and exterior paints," Beaty notes.

Poe Hardware has been affiliated with American Hardware (ServiceStar) for the past 20 years, and has sold Westinghouse appliances since the business was started.

In the past six years, Poe Hardware has also taken on a full line of Amana products according to Jim.

Since the business has been located on North Church Street, it has been enlarged twice, according to Jim. "The first enlargement was to allow for warehouse space," he says. The second enlargement was for additional floor sales space.

Kyle Coleman, who has been with the business for more than 35 years, works on applainces and does other service and repair work for Poe Hardware. Jim points out that the service shop will repair any item for which parts are available.

Doug Martin, who has more then 12 years of experience, works on small engines in the repair shop.

Margaret Miller, who has been employee of Poe Hardware for seven years, is a sales clerk for the business.

Wayne Hawkins helps out at the store through the Appomatox County High School distributive education program. Jim is proud of the store's affiliation with the high school's DE program. "We've worked with the distributive education program since the early 1960's," he notes.

Jim and Helen manage the business together. They have four children. Annette Williams, one of their daughters, helps her parents around the store by serving as sales clerk when needed and helping with the book work.

Jim and Helen have two other daughters, Virginia Tweedy and Carole Foxwell, and they have one son, James Beatty III. They also have four grandchildren.

American Federal

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wide variety of mortgage plans," Weiss adds. "Mortgage lending is on the upswing, and I am of the opinion that now is an excellent time to consider purchasing or building a home, if you're in the market to do so," he notes.

"Appomattox is very fortunate to have the excellent builders and real estate agents that we have," Weiss says. "When a potential homeowner has talked to the realtor or builder of his or her choice, we invite them to discuss financing with American Federal."

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The business' original directors included Cosby, W.B.Walker,M.C. Maddox, H.O. White, and Frank L. Thomasson.

Clarence G. Burton was elected president of the association on Jan. 10, 1928. He served in that capacity until 1963, when he was elected chairman of the board.

The association's name was changed in 1937 to Lynchburg Federal Savings and Loan. The Miller Park branch was opened in 1954, and the current home office was opened at 615 Church Street in 1960. In 1963, the Brookville branch was opened at 7114 Timberlake Road, and Mr. P.G. Cosby, Jr., became president of the association, serving until 1967.

Under the leadership of Jack T. Cosby, the current president, the association has experienced great success and growth. Three new officers near Lynchburg were opened, in Appomattox, Altavista and Brookville, and in January of 1976, the association's name was changed to American Federal.

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Babcock Manor

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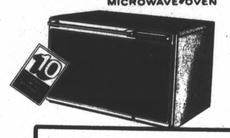

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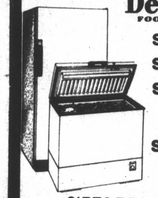

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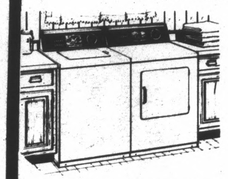

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